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In re Application of:

TAKASHI SHIRASUNA

Application No.: 09/836,372

Filed: April 18, 2001

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Official Action dated October 28, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: